DPH Long-Term Care Background Search Program:

Applicant Background Check

Management System (ABCMS): Updates

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Background & Data

- What is the ABCMS?
  - Web-based portal established by DPH

- Who uses it?
  - You! *(Long-term care providers)*

- Why?
  - to process specific applicants as required pursuant to Section 19a-491c
  - to manage these applicants

- Some Data…
  - Fingerprint-based Background checks completed (n = 99,590)

Legislative Related

- Disqualifying offenses have been amended to include "a conviction of any crime described in Section 53a-59a, 53a-60b, 53a-60c, 53a-61a, 53a-321, 53a-322 or 53a-323"* pertaining to:

  o 1st degree, 2nd degree, or 3rd degree assault of an elderly, blind, disabled, or pregnant person or a person with intellectual disability

  o 2nd degree assault with a firearm of an elderly, blind, disabled, or pregnant person or a person with intellectual disability

  o 1st degree, 2nd degree, or 3rd degree abuse of an elderly, blind, or disabled person or a person with intellectual disability

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Recent System Enhancements

ID Upload Capability

How?

- Attach scanned image of applicant's Photo ID

Why?

- Can decrease DESPP delays during criminal history review process

Payment Report

Where?

- Reports tab

Purpose?

- For applications paid for, this report will show *Fingerprints Taken*

Tips for Users

- Your guidance to applicants:
  - *Encourage applicants to be fingerprinted ASAP*

- When contacting us, if possible, please:
  - *Include application number*
  - *One inquiry = one applicant*

Coming soon… Webinars

- **Topics:**
  Refresher Training
  New System Enhancements
  Speakers: DPH ABCMS Staff

- **Topics from DPH ABCMS Partner Agency:**
  Fingerprinting Tips
  Rap Sheets 101
  Speakers: Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) Staff
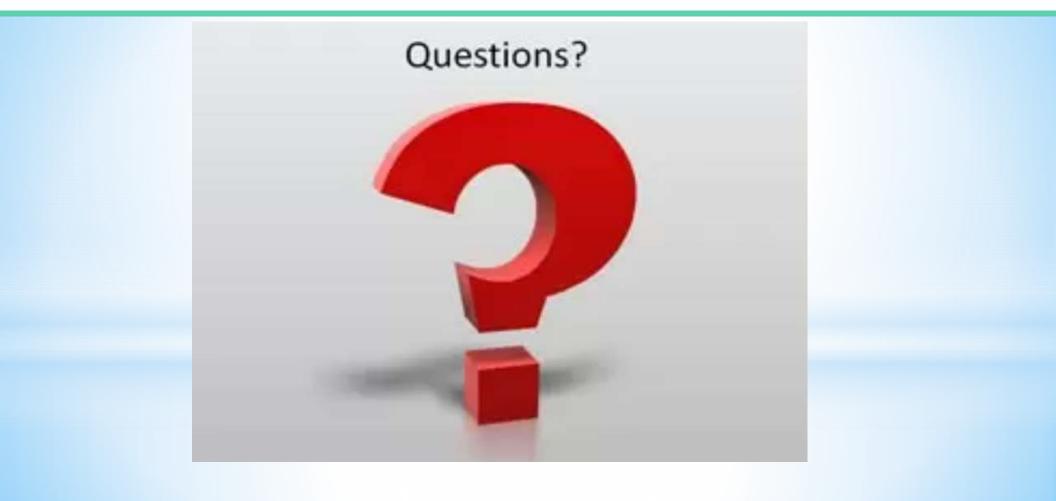
Resources:
DPH's ABCMS website

- For those wanting to learn more…
  - Training Videos
  - User Manual
  - Legislation
  - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Document
  - Other interesting materials!

- How?
  - Please visit **www.ct.gov/dph/ABCMS**

Q & A

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